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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, Applicants hereby elect the Species "automyelocyte", from the cell types listed in claim 11, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants also hereby elect "osteogenesis promoting material", from the active material listed in claim 13, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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